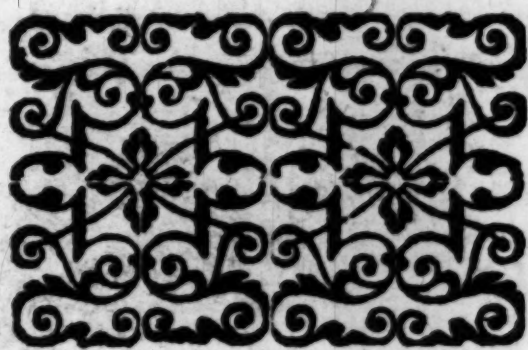


# THE CONQUEST

of the Grand Canaries, made this last  
Summer by threescore and thirteene saile of  
*shippes, sent forth at the command and direction of*  
the states generall of the vnited prouinces, to the  
coast of Spaine and the Canarie-Isles: with the taking  
of a towne in the Ile of Gomera, and the successe  
of part of the saide fleete in their re-  
turne homeward.

*Which set saile for Spaine the 25. of Maie, and  
returned home the 10. of Septemb. 1599.*



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A true report of a voyage made this last Summer, by a fleete of 73. shippes, sent forth at the commande and direction of the states generall of the vnited Prouinces, to the coast of Spaine and the Canarie-illes.

**T**uesday the 25. daie of Maie the wind being North and Northe- east, we in the fleete of Rotterdam, being 20. saile of ships, the sunne beeing southewest and by west, came before Flushing, and anke- red neere into Cleiburch; our ge- nerall at his comming found the fleets of North-Holland, and Zeland ready.

Wednesday, the 26. daie wee remained there at anchor.

Thursday the 27. day of Maie, we tooke into our ships (by the Generals' commandement) two gentlemen and foure souldiours.

Friday the 28. of May, 1599, the wind being nor- therly, we waied our anchors, and sailed from the Weelings with 73 ships, hauing faire weather, set- ting our course west, southwest. Wee had 3. Ad- mirals in this fleete, whereof the chiefe Admirall was the ship of William Denicklon Cloper, wherein was imbarked the honourable gentleman Peter Van Doest being generall of the fleete. This ship was



called the Orange, carrying in her top a flag of Orange colour, vnder whose Squadron were certaine Zelanders, with some south and north Hollanders; Ian Geerbrantson carried the white flag, vnder whom the Zelanders and ships of the Maze were appointed. And Cornelius Gheleins<sup>o</sup> of Vlyshing wore in his maine top the blew flag, vnder whom were appointed certaine ships of the Maze with some north Hollanders. Thus were we deuided into sundry Squadrons, but to what ende it was so done, it is to me, and many others vnknowne.

Saturday the 29. of Maie, having sight of Callis, y<sup>e</sup> ships lay to the lee ward, & staid for the reerward. The Lord generall shot off a peece, and after ward hung out the princes flag, in signe that the captains shold come aboard him, presently al the captains entered into their boates, & rowed aboard y<sup>e</sup> General, at which time were two pinnaces sent out of the fleet, whereof one was the Generals Pinnace, but vnto what place they sailed, we were altogether ignorant. And when the boates rowed from the Generall, some of them went aboard the victualers, and tooke out of them certaine fire-works. The same fouthnight, the Generall discharged an other peece of ordinance, and put out the Princes flag, whereupon presently the capitaines went aboard him, and when our captaine returned, he had in his hande a letter closed vp, which hee brought from the Generall, and we imagined that euery captaine had received the like, and then we sailed altogether toward the hight of Blacknesse, where we anchored, (which caused vs greatly to wonder, seeing we had so faire a wind,) but we perceiued after wards, that this was done, to the ende we should there abide the coming of the great new ship of Amsterdam; for the soldours which were appointed for her, were all with vs in a ship of our company.

Sunday



**Sunday, the 30. of Maie,** where lying at anchor all that night, the next morning we set saile altogether having the winde at north east, we set our course west north west, the weather being faire. The same morning our captain read unto vs those very articles which before had bin read unto vs in the prince Mauritz his Court, and afterwards we altogether, and with one accord were sworne to the keeping of them: At noone wee were neere unto Beverlier, having a fine gale out of the east north east, the evening was calme, the foremost shippes slackted their sailes, attending the comming in of the hindermost.

**Wednesday, the ninth of June,** by the breake of daie we were hard vnder the coast of Spaine neere to Viñero, the winde being westerly, we sailed north west and by north, and north north west, the sunne south west and by west; we were ouer against the cape Ortegael, we sailed north west and by north, to fetch the wind: we were in 44. degrees 20. minutes, at twilight, we had the foresaid Cape of vs about 5. miles south west and by west.

**Thursday the 10. of Iune,** the winde being at east south east, wee directed our course towardes the shore, and might certainly discerne that it was the coast of Ortegall, we bore in west south west directly with the land, and ordered all thinges as if we presently should haue had battell, and about noone wee had sight of the Groyne, namely the tower which standeth neere the Groine.

Ortegall.

**Friday, the 11. of Iune,** at the breake of day the winde being at north east and by east, sixe of our ships sailed forwarde south south west, meaning to enter the Groine, and there to learne how al things stood. The sunne being southeast, Cape Prior was east from vs, wee bore south, presently after we spied two boates comming out of Veroll to learn what



ships we were, the rather because that the day be-  
 fore they had seen our fleet at sea: we sailed by the  
 wind, and lay in the wind to stay for their coming.  
 The one doubting vs would not come neere vs,  
 the other boat also durst not approach neere vs: we  
 called to one of the Spaniards, saying wee came  
 from Hamborch laden with cordage & other goods,  
 desiring and praying him to let vs haue a Pilot  
 to bring vs into the Groine, wherewith the boate  
 came aboard vs, so that by our great haste and poli-  
 cie we got one Spaniard, the other which remai-  
 ned in the boate would not come into our ship, but  
 presently thrust off their boate, making all possible  
 speede to get from vs. Hauing nowe gotten this  
 Spaniarde, hee was presently deliuered into the  
 handes of the Generall, who confessed that there  
 were about 4000. souldiours come into the towne,  
 with certaine horsemen, 36. waggons with money,  
 and 300. pipes of wine, to furnish the Spanish fleet,  
 that he lay the night past in the Groine, and was the  
 kings seruant. The sun south south west, we came  
 with our whole fleet before the Groyne, where we  
 found the great newe ship of Amsterdam vnder the  
 Towne.

The whole  
 fleet commeth  
 before the  
 Groine.

At 12. 13. and 10. fadome we cast anchor, so that  
 we might behold much people both on the shoare &  
 vpon the wals of the town. From the castle & town  
 both, they shot mightily with their great ordinance  
 into our fleet, so that there were aboue 200. cannon  
 shot discharged, wherewith some of our ships were  
 hit, but not one man lost, and little hurt done other-  
 wise. There lay an other castle east ward from the  
 towne, which shot also most terribly, but altogether  
 vncertainly, for we know not that they touched any  
 one ship more then Moy Lambert, which was great-  
 ly to be wondered at, seeing our fleet lay so thicke  
 together,



together, and so neere vnder the castle. There laie  
 hard vnder the castle 12. great Gallions, with some  
 french ships, which also now and then shot among  
 our flete, but they lay so neere the walles that wee  
 could do them no harme at all. The Lord Generall  
 worthy of al praise, wisely bethinking himselfe, cau-  
 sed all his captaines and counsell to come aboord  
 him, that they might together conferre vpon this  
 busines, and what meanes might best bee found, to  
 invade the towne and the enemy, but they conclu-  
 ded, not to meddle with the land there: seeing the  
 enemy was there, strong vpon his guard, and that  
 s. workes past both from Amsterdam, & by a french  
 man, they had knowledge of our coming; by reason  
 of the calme, wee were constrained to towne out our  
 ships with the boates in despite of al their shot, thus  
 we parted from the Groyne without profit, or effec-  
 ting of any thing, leauing the Papists of Groyne as  
 wee founde them. From thence (the winde being  
 at south southwest) wee bent our course towarde  
 Cape Saint Vincent, meaning to goe to Saint Lucars,  
 hoping to fall vpon them at vnawares, and ere they  
 looked for vs.

Saturday the 12. of Iune, hauing got a fine gale  
 we ran along the coast of Galicia, at noone wee were  
 before the Island of Cesarian, and set our course to-  
 wards Cape Finister.

Sunday the 13. of Iune, the lord Generall gaue  
 sharpe commandement by his letters, forbidding al  
 men aboord the ships to vse any play, with tables,  
 cards, or dice, either for money, or for pastime, or  
 vpon credit.

Munday the 14. of Iune, the wind blew so harde  
 out of the North, that wee could not beare our top-  
 sails with our forecourse which sailed south, the  
 maine was southward, we had Port a Port of vs,  
 being



being in 47. degrees and 20. minutes. On Tuesday the 15. of June, as soone as day appeared, we had sight of Cape Roxent, and then we sailed making small way, staying for the comming together of the flete: the wind as before, we sailed south southwest, and were in 36. degrees.

Wednesday the 16. of June, towarde the evening we had sight of two strange ships eastward of our flete, certain of our ships made towards them and took them, the one was an english man of war: the other was a Spanish barke with three missenys: at his comming before the Generall, he said, he had already sent 2. prizes into Englande, and woulde now with this prize retorne home: for his victuals were almost spent.

Thursday the 17. of June, it was very still and calme weather.

Friday the 18. of June, the wind being at north northeast, we sailed south southwest. The Lord Generall caused all the Captaines with the Pilots to come aboard him: demanding of them which of them was best acquainted in the Isles of Canaria: and further, by what meanes they might conquer and force the said Islands, and land their people. And about noone the captaines were chosen and appointed which shoulde commande on land. The Generall gaue out newe ensignes, to the number of 202. according to the number of the ships. The lord Generall appointed to each new captaine, an Ancient bearer, a Lieutenant, and other officers, with 130. souldiours and mariners, and instructions howe every one of them should gouerne himself on the land.

Saturday the 19. of June, the Generall commanded that the captaines shoulde deliuer out victuals but twice a day, to wit, 6. and 6. to a messe: for 6. men, 5. cans of beere of Rotterdams measure every day,



day, 5. pounde of breade and no more, a cheefe of 6. l. euery weeke, one pound of butter wekely, likewise pease, beanes, or Otemeale twice a day, according to the order. Captaine Harman, and captaine Pijc, had each of them commission to commande on the land as captaines ouer two companies of saylers, each company containing 130. men. Harman Thunesson was appointed Ancient to captaine Henricke Pijc, and de Blomme Ancient to captaine Hendricke Hermā. The ancients were deliuered the same day.

The 20. 21. 22. daies, wee sailed south southwest, the wind being northerly.

Wednesday the 23. of June, the wind was north northeast. The Generall commaunded all the captaines both for the sea and land to come aboard him, where it was ordained and determined how the battell should be ordered, after they were landed. According to the altitude, we found our selues to be 36 miles from great Canaria.

Thursday the 24. of June, we ranne our foresaid course. The sun being west northwest, we sawe the land east and by south off vs: wee sailed east and by south, and with great labour and diligence bore all that might with the land.

Friday the 25. of June, we continued our course to the land for our assured knowledge thereof, and perceiued it to be Lancerot; we saw also a small land (which lay between both) called Allegrania, and also the Island Forteuentura, which is 24. miles great, afterward we sailed southwest along the coast of Forteuentura, which is a lande that hath very high hills. The sun southwest, we were past the Island Forteuentura, and were sailed out of sight thereof, running as yet southwest: about ii. a clocke in the afternoone wee had sight of the Island of great Canaria, for a while wee kept our way; but when the Generall



The whole  
Netherlandish  
fleet commeth  
before the I-  
land & town  
of Grand Ca-  
naria.

was assured that it was the grand Canaria, wee all  
tooke in our sailes, and lay to the lee ward, and so re-  
mained untill it was past midnight, then wee set  
saile againe and made to the lande, our course west-  
warde.

Saturday the 26. of June, in the morning the  
whole fleet sailed west directly to the land, the winde  
north and by east, and made all thinges ready to  
land; being now neere the shore, the whole fleet let  
fall their anchors harde by the great castle, which  
lieth north northwest from the town, from whence  
they began to shoot mightily against the ships. The  
lord Generall and the vice Admirall with the other  
ships that had the greatest ordnance, anchored close  
vnder the castle, & for a certain time they plied each  
other with their great shot; & Generals main mast,  
and his mislen mast were shot thorow, and his vice  
Admirall, namely the great new ship of Amsterdam  
was shot thorow 6. or 7. times; so that some of the  
souldiours and maryners also were slaine before  
they entered their long boates to rowe to the shore:  
But the ships for their parts, had so well bestowed  
their shot on the castle, that they of the castle began  
to faint, wherby they discharged not so thicke and  
often as before. Our men rowed to the land in the  
long boates, euery one full of souldiours, & the ships  
which could not discharge their ordnance against  
the castle, bent them against the shore, (for the ene-  
my had three brasse peeces lying vpon the strand) and  
many people were there gathered together where  
our souldiours shoulde land. Nowe as soone as the  
Generall with the most parte of the long boates  
were come together, they all at one instant rowed  
toward the shore, maintaining for a while the fight  
on both sides with their shot. But the General per-  
ceiuing that the enemye woulde not abandon the  
place,



place, with a balliant courage made to the shoze, and altogether leaping into the water bp to the middle, maintained the fight with the enemy. Notwithstanding the enemy no lesse couragious, would not yet leaue the strond, so that some of our souldiours & mariners lost their liues befoze the enemy would retire: for the place was discommodious, and hard to lande; but most of the enemy were slaine, to the number of 30. or 36. and the Gouvernor his right leg was shot off, sitting on his horse. The lord General Peter von der Doest leaping first on land, was thrust in his leg with a pike, and had in his body 4. wounds more, and was in great danger to haue lost his life, but that one of the souldiours slewe the Spaniarde which meant to haue don it; but his wounds were of small moment, and his ancient bearer was slain with a shot, the Lieutenant Generall was shot in his throte, captaine Kruec in the heade, 4. souldiours were slain, & 15. hurt in the generals pinnace befoze they could come to land: But when our people now with one courage all together rushed vpon the enemy, (leauing their ordenance behinde them,) they forsooke the strond, and ran together into the town, carying with them their Gouverneur, whose leg was shot off, & he was a knight of the order of the crosse, and leauing behind them 36. deade carcasses on the strond, were presently by our people ransacked, and our dead people buried. Our men now hauing won the strond, put themselves presently in battell ray; the empty boates returned to the ships, but after our people had taken the strond, the castle did neuer shoot shot. After the boates were returned aboard, presently they rowed againe to the shoze full of souldiours; our people being all landed, they which for the first time had comendement, set vs in 7. troupes, or battalions, being xxiiii. companies strong, of souldiours

Twenty foure  
companies  
strong of the  
Netherlanders.



The first castle  
taken.

diours and Mariners, with twentie foure Munitions. At which time we marched a little forward twenty one a brest, and standing altogether in battell; suddainly three mariners came running to the Generall, (which had bin at the castle) telling him that the Spaniards desired to deliuer him the castle, so their liues & goods might be saued: the generall with some of the captaines and souldiours went first thither, and presently the castle was deliuered into his possession, hoping on his pittie and mercy, and leauing behind them all the great ordnance, namely 9. peeces of brasse, & 6. Iron peeces, & also al their weapons. In the castle were about 80. Spaniards, some cannoniers, some soldiors, and some people of the countrey, for the defence thereof; beside powder, shot and match accordingly, for the artillery, and also thirty small peeces of caliuers. Also wee founde 58. prisoners, the rest were slaine with shot in the fury, and some were run away. The prisoners (which our people had taken in the road with two Barkes, and a ship sunke with our ordnance, as they lay all 3. hard before the castle) were sent altogether aboard the ships: except 3. of the principals which the lord General reserued by him, to the end he might the better knowe the state of all things. Presently 80. soldiors were sent into the castle, who tooke down the kings flag, and set bp the princes colours. At the same instant two Negros were brought to y<sup>e</sup> General, which were fetched out of the mountains, they said that they had lien there a sleepe, and knew nothing of any matter. But now when it began to wax dark, we marched altogether a great way towards the town, 4. companies of soldiors approached hard vnder the towne, and other 4. companies had the rereward: those of the Maze, with the Amsterdammers remained a pretty way from the town,



towne, vnder the hills; and the Zelanders, with the north Hollanders lay nere the waters side, so we remained al that night in order of battell.

Sunday the 27. of June, after we had now stood al night in battel order, early in the morning we marched to al our 7. troupes hard vnder the town of Canarie, where we remained a while in that order: but because they of the castle (which lieth to the townie) shot so mightily among vs; 2. of the troupes retired vnder a hill, where we were a little freed from the castle: for while our people stood imbattailed before the town, the castle did vs great hurt, for sometimes they shot five or six men with one shot, ere we could entrench our selues before the castle: but after they perceiued that our people had made a small trench against the shot of the castle, they placed on the hill five or six small peeces of brasse called falconets (which shote about a pounce of powder) and sometimes they shot boules of wood, wherewith in the beginning they slew manie of our people: so aduantageouslie had they placed their ordenance to shoot among vs. Ten or twelue of our Souldiers ranne vp the hill: whereof the enemy tooke one, and presently cut him in foure peeces. Our people seeing that they so tyranouslie dealt with them, about the euening tooke a Spaniarde prisoner, and bled him after the same maner. The lorde Generall perceiuing that many men were slaine with the ordenance, caused five peeces of brasse to be brought from the castle which we had taken the daie before, and toward the euening we beganne to make a batterie, and the same euening brought into it three peeces, whereof two were placed presentlie to play vppon the Castle, and the hill: but that euening were but five or sixe shotte made. While that our men made the batterie, and planted or placed



placed the ordnance, the enemy placed his ordnance in counter-battery: and before our battery could be finished, and the ordnance placed, many of our men were shot, among whom Peter vanden Eynde commissioner, had his leg shot off, whereof he died within three daies after. After that it was dark, & they which lay there before the towne were againe set in order of battel, 15. on a ranke, and so remained all that night.

The 28. of June, early in the morning every man retired to his quarter, and then were two peeces more brought to the battery, which also were presently placed on the Rampire, and so wee began to shoot against the castle with 4. peeces, and with the fifth we played upon the small ordnance which lay upon the hills. The enemy in the castle laid manie sacks of wool, and placed many tonnes or barrells filled with stones upon the castle walles, supposing thereby to make some little defence from our ordnance; but when an Iron bullet chanced to hit the barrells so filled with stones, it did them mightie hurt, for the stones would scatter marvellouslie abroad, whereby many of them that were in the castle were slaine. Our men having now with their shot almost abated the force of the castle, 4. companies marched by the hills, intending to beate the enemy from thence, which lay there with the ordnance. But the enemy perceiving himselfe to bee assaulted on all partes, (for most of the ordnance of the castle were dismounted and made unprofitable, the gate of the towne set on fire by the Generals commandement) about noone they forsooke both the castle, hill, and town, and with all their wives, children, money and Jewels, and all other things that they coude carry with them, fled into the mountaines. Which when our men perceived, they put them-



themselves in order of battell, 14. in a ranke. The  
 lord Generall seeing the Spaniards shamefullie to  
 flie, caused 2. ladders belonging to the enemies, to  
 be brought out of a church which stood without the  
 towne, whereof the one was too shorte, notwithstanding  
 himselfe with one of the ladders climed by  
 the walles, one man at once followed, and by this  
 meanes entered the towne over the wals. About  
 noone some of our men ran into the castle without a-  
 ny reencounter: the enemy had undermined the gate,  
 but as we approached the wall, it took fire, but not  
 one of our people was there with hurt. they had also  
 skattered powder in sundrie places, but our men  
 themselves did fire the same: and as soone as our  
 people were entered the castle, the kinges colours  
 were taken downe, and the prince of Oranges set up,  
 and we found five peeces of brasse therein. When  
 wee were all entered into the towne, we put our  
 selves againe into order of battell 15. in a ranke in  
 a low ground within the towne: and the souldiours  
 which entered the towne by the hills side, brought  
 to the Generall a man of Flushing, which they had  
 taken out of prison: as soone as the Generall sawe  
 him, he went presently with him to the prison, ac-  
 companied with some of our captaines, where they  
 found 36. prisoners, which presently were dischar-  
 ged. And further they declared, that the Spaniards  
 had taken with them 2. prisoners into the moun-  
 taines, which were condemned to be burnt, the one  
 was an english man, the other a dutchman, which  
 had lien in the holy house. Thus with the helpe of  
 God about noone, wee won the great Iland of Ca-  
 naria, and the town of Allegona, battered with their  
 owne artillery, and scaled with their owne ladders.  
 Towards the evening wee were quartered in the  
 houses, those wherein the Generall was, were by  
 writing

The second  
 castle & town  
 of Grand Ca-  
 naria taken.



working freed, that no man might take but any goods, in the rest every one might go, and take what pillage he could find: but the Spaniards had caried all the best things with them into the mountaines, and in the evening all our people entered the town. Every captaine with his company were severallie lodged, but yet we appointed watch on the hils, as well as in the towne, for the enemy shewed himselfe often vpon the hils, whereby we were forced to keepe very good watch.

The 29. of June, this morning some of the mariners climed by the hils, but the enemy (to whom the passage were better known, then to our people) suddenly set vpon them, & killed 20. of them. Towards the evening some 300. of our Soldiours marched towards a small castle which lay halfe an houres iourney from the towne: but the enemy seeing our people to approach, forsooke the place and fled into the mountaines, our men being ascended, they founde in the castle three brasse peeces; and after they had appointed a Corporall with certaine soldiours to keepe the watch, the rest returned to the cittie. The same night the Spaniards tooke one of our soldiours appointed for a forlorne Sentinel, whom they presently put to the sword.

The last of June, as soone as day appeared, wee began to carry the pillage aboard belonging to the General, and captaines, as wines and other goods. About none 3. cheefe men of the Spaniards came to our people, which kept watch on the hils with a flag of truce in their handes, which were straight brought befoze the Generall, and within a while after, there were 2. more brought vnto him: but after they had bin a while with him they departed again towards the mountaines: and in the evening came other 7. Spaniardes to our watch with a flag of truce.



truce, desired to speake with the Generall : but they were sente backe againe into the Mountaynes.

The first day of July, 1599. in the morning (our people being on the hills) 2. Friers with three other Spaniards came vnto vs, desiring to be brought to the Generall, which our men accomplished: but the General denied to talke with them, wherefore they were presently sent backe againe from whence they came, for we were then labouring to send the goods a shipboard. Also at that instant was a sermon in the great church of great Canaria, made by the preacher of Ysmond with great deuotion, and giuing thanks vnto God for our great victorie, desiring him that it would please him daily to increase the same, to the honour of his name : at which Sermon the Lorde Generall was present with foure hundred persons.

The second of July, 1599. wee were forbidden by sounde of the drum, that no man should go beyond the forlorne sentenell placed on the Mountaines : and to sende backe againe into the hills all such Spaniards which came with a flag of truce, to speake with the Generall, and to put all such to the sword as came with weapons. One of our Vincennes took a fisherman fishing vnder the Ilande Forteauentura, wherein were 7. Spaniards, which were brought before the General, and presently committed to prison.

The 3. of July in the morning we began to sende aboard our ships all the bels, ordenance & munition which the enemies had left behinde them, at which time 2000. soldiors were appointed to march to the hills, to strike the enemy, which lay hid there with their wiues, children & goods, as they were fled out of the towne: and as soone as they approached each  
C other



other, they began the fight on both sides with great courage, but the enemy was forced to flie, beeing better acquainted with the passages of the mountains then our people were. our men returned with the losse of some 70. persons: among whom captain Jacques Dierickson with his boatson were slaine: the rest came into the towne againe into their appointed quarters.

The 4. of July, in the morning we began to burn the towne, and with powder blew up the castle which lay by the towne, and we burned likewise all the cloisters and churches which were without the towne, lying neere the water side. The town burning, our people were set in battell, and in that order marched out of the towne, untill they came to Gratiola, the castle, which we first tooke, lying about halfe an houres iourney from the towne, where the long boates receiued our men, and caried them againe aboarde. Presently after wee were departed out of the towne, the enemy entered, endeavoring by all meanes possible to quench the fire. And while we were shipping our people, the enemy shewed him selfe some times 5. or 6. in a company, but they durst not approach us. The rereward of our men being shipped, we put fire to the castle which we tooke first, and blew it up: This done, captaine Quit embarked himselfe also with his soldours, and pillage which he had taken in the roade, for his ship wherein he was before was ready to sinke.

The 5. of July, lying in the roade, in the morning the Generall discharged two peeces of ordnance, and afterward put out 2. flags of the princes colours, thereby giuing to vnderstand, that all land captaines, and sea captaines also with one of their Pilots should resort to him, whereupon presentlie they all rowed aboarde the Generall; the Pilots which



which were best acquainted with the coast, were demanded by the Generall which were the weakest Islands, and where they might most commodiously lie land: Towards the evening captaine Quyr his ship was fired, and suffered to drive towarde the strond. At which time a newe captaine was appointed to captaine Iaques Dirriksons ship aforesaide, who was slaine in the mountaines, namely captaine Kloyers Lieutenant. And the Generalls Clarke of the band was appointed Lieuetenant to captain Kloyer.

The 6. of July, by reason of the contrary winds, and other inconueniences which happened at this present, and also because such ships, which before were sent to sea, and could not returne by reason of the contrary windes; we remained in the road, under the castle of Graciola. About noone 4. Spaniards came out of the towne with a flag of truce to the strond, directly ouer against our ships, whereof 2. were brought aboard the Generall in one of our long boates, (the other two with their flag of truce were left behinde on the stronde) which remained with the Generall until the evening, and then were set on shore, and so the 4. Spaniards returned to the towne.

The 7. day riding in the roade, in the morning 4. Spaniards with a flag of peace, came to the shore from the towne, directly ouer against our ships: the fleet seeing them, sent a long boate to the shore, and brought the said 4. Spaniards aboard the General, these men brought with them the ransome of certaine Spaniards, which had deliuered by the castle of Graciola at the Generalls pleasure, which were set to ransom, euery one according to his habilitie & office: and thus all the Spaniards which were ransomed, together with the 4. Spaniards which brought the ransoms, were set on shore with a long  
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boate, and departed to the towne. ~~Had some~~  
 The 8. day of July, two howers after sun rising,  
 the Generall with all the ships set saile, carrying  
 with him all the Spaniards that were not ranso-  
 med, sailing along the coast of great Canaria, in which  
 time Ian Corneleson Zwartkeys departed this  
 worlde, whose leg was shot off at the taking of the  
 Island of great Canaria. Having now sailed from  
 the high of the said Island, which lay southerly from  
 vs, we had sight of captaine Hertmans ship, and of 3.  
 others which rode there at anchor: who, so soone  
 as they perceiued our flæte, waied their anchors,  
 and sailed along the coast with vs, which were the  
 ships that the Generall had sent to sea. Sailing  
 thus together untill the sun was in the west, the  
 wind began to rise more and more, so that we could  
 not keep our direct course, but were forced to put to  
 the southwest of the great Island of Canaria, where  
 we anchored: wee had sight of the Island Teneriffa,  
 and of an other of the Islands of Canaria, wherein  
 is the hie mountaine called the Pyck. This hil was  
 from vs 14. miles, but by the great height thereof it  
 seemed to bee within foure or five miles off vs, but  
 in the daie time when the sun shined wee could not  
 see it.

The 9. of July, lying thus at anchor, in the mor-  
 ning most of the long boates went ashore to fetch  
 fresh water, such as they could there find, and caried  
 with them the deade corps of Ian Corneleson afore-  
 said, the Constables son of the Admiralty of Roterda,  
 called Zwertkeys, which was there honorably bu-  
 ried on the high and drie land. This done, we set on  
 fire the woode which lay on the shore piled and hea-  
 ped in the woods, but in this place we found not a-  
 ny Spaniards.

The tenth of July, the boates being all returned  
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to their ships with their people, every one wayed their anchors and hoised their sailes, the winde at northwest; but being vnder saile together, the wind slacked, & by reason of the great calme the ships lay a drift for want of wind.

The 11. of July, in the morning it blew a stout gale in our topsailes out of the northeast, but as we approached the Island of Teneriffa, the winde altered often; six or seven of our shippes, and the rest which were next vnto the shore, had sometimes a gale in their topsailes, and sometimes againe without wind: so that we lay a drift, and could keepe no reckoning either of the wind or course, and were forced to alter our course more then 12. times a day.

### A declaration of the taking of Gomera one of the Islands in *Canaria*, and how we afterwardes left it.



The 12. day of July sailing thus with great variety of wind, vnder the great Island Teneriffa, the day appearing, we had the wind more certain, filling our topsailes with a full gale from the northwest: And when it was faire day light, we saw our fleet scattred far one from another, by meanes of the foresaid mutable windes. Some ships lay driving by reason of the calme, and other some had a little gale, but the most part of our fleet were west of vs, towards whom with all speed, we with the rest of the ships made. Being all come together, wee endeavored to reach the Islande Gomera, wherein



wherein is a little towne: towardeſ the evening many of our ſhips were nere the Iſland, but the moſt part were to þ lee ward; ſo that befoze it grew toward the evening none of vs could come nere the towne. Notwithſtanding in the twilight and ſhutting vp of the evening: Ian Garbrantlon Admirall of the white flag, his vice Admirall, and a Pinnace following, were come nere the town. Thus the Admirall ſayling ſo nere to the Iſland, they of Gomera diſcharged 2. pieces at him, but touched him not. the ſaide Admirall ſeing this, paſſed on a little farther with the other ſhips which were nere him, & then tooke in their ſailes, and caſt their anchors. The other ſhips which were behinde, laboured all they might to come alſo vnder the Iſland to them.

The 13. of July, the Admirall of the white flag lying thus at anchor nere to Gomera, the greateſt part of the flæte were yet in the morning betweene the Iſland of Teneriffa and Gomera, ſo that parte of the ſhips were beyonde the towne, and muſt ſometimes caſt about to conducte the others in, which were in the lee of vs. When wee had nowe for the moſt part paſſed the hight of the Iſland, the Generall gaue a ſigne to all captaines to come aboarde him, being vnder ſaile, directing his courſe to the Iſland of Gomera; and the other ſhips did their induour to follow him, and anchored about the necke of the balley, lying north north eaſt off the towne. The ſhips being all come to anchor, the captaines entered preſently into the long boates, and rowed aboarde the Generall to know his minde: And after they had bene a while in the Generals ſhip, they returned to their ſhips, and 4. companies of ſouldiours were choſen out, and landed in the balley. Which done, al the ſhips waied their anchors, and ſailed directly toward the towne, and then came to anchor



anchor againe. After that all our ships lay thus together in the road nere the balley, before the towne: we discharged certaine peeces against the towne, but they made no shewe at all of resistance; for they had buried foure brasse peeces as soone as they had sight of vs, which lay on the strand nere vnto a small castle; the other fire companies were also set on land in the long boates, without any resistance: for the Spaniards with their wiues, children, and all their goods which they coulde carry with them were fled into the mountains. The first 4. companies that were landed, as they marched along the hills side towards the towne, perceiuing that the enemy fled with all his goods towards the hills, sent out a certaine number of souldiours to intercept them, and to take from them the goods which they caried away. And to accomplish this enterprise, our souldiours descended the hill into the balley, meaning suddenly to set vpon the Spaniards; but the enemy perceiuing their intent, hid themselves in caues which were nere vnto them, vntill our souldiours were in the balley. The Spaniards perceiuing that they were strong enough to encounter with our people, suddainly leapt out of their dens, and beset our souldiours on both sides. Our people seeing themselves thus compassed with their enemies, behaved themselves most valiantly, so that many of the Spaniards lost their liues, and 80 of ours were slaine in this balley: among whom were 2. Lieutenants (the one was Meerbecks sonne, and the other was Lieutenant to captaine Bynon) which had received aboue 50. wounds in their bodies, so pittifullie were they massacred, thus were these worthe champions intercepted. The rest of those 4. companies, which were not present at this fury of the Spaniards, towards the euening, descended the hills

The towne of  
Gomera abandoned by the  
Spaniards.

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hills and marched into the towne. Presently after this, watch was appointed in al places of y<sup>e</sup> towne, and some of the soldiours began to dig the ground, to seeke for such goods as the Spaniardes had buried, but at that instant they founde nothing, except only certain pipes of wine.

About the sunne setting was brought in a spanish prisoner, which was deliuered to the Prouest marshal, by the Generals commandement, to the end he might bring them to all such places in the Ilande, where as the Spaniardes had hidden their goods. But because nothing could then be effected by reason that the euening approached, and it began to bee too dark, the Spaniard was committed to a keeper untill the next morning for the purpose aforesaide. But the night being far spent, & the keeper taking small regard to his charge, the Spaniard secretlie stole away and ran to the mountiaines.

The 14. of July, in the morning the long boates rowed againe to the shore, and caried aboard such goods as the enemy had left behind them, which for the most part were wines, for they had caried clean away all other things into the mountains, and had left almost nothing in the towne, but only the wines which they had buried in the earth: In the afternoon our people found 3. bels, which they had buried in the fields, where corne had growne.

The 15. of July, in the morning our people running vp to the hills 10. or 12. in a company to hunt & seeke for pillage, were suddainly inuironed by the enemy, and 6. or 8. of them slaine; the rest saued themselves by flight. About noone there was a generall muster taken of all the soldiours, to see how many wee had lost: and such ships as were appointed to returne home, began to deliuer out the victuals. The same day were two copper peeces founde: whereof the  
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one was 16. foot and halfe long, and the other about 14. foot.

The 16. day in the morning the Lord Generall gave notice to all captaines to resort to him aboard his ship, because some of the captaines had not sent victuals vnto the soldioꝝ that were on land, whereby they suffered hunger, and sundry of the soldioꝝ had complained to the General thereof: At after-noon, the enemy came to the hill which lieth ouer the towne, crying and calling vnto our men to come and fetch againe their muskets, and towards the euening many marriners with their weapons landed, and at that instant also all things were ordered to march very early the next morning by the hills to fetch againe our muskets, caliuers, and other weapons, which the Spaniards before had in mockery, and giuing wise willed vs to fetch from them. But now when all things were ordered for this seruice: the same night arose a strong gale of winde, encreasing more and more, that in the ende it grewe to a mightie tempest, that notwithstanding our fleet did ride vnder the Island Gomera in the road before the towne, some were forced to way their anchors and to put to sea, to preuent the mischiefe like to happen to the ships, by reason they lay so nere one another. And when those ships were a little way in the Sea, they cast their anchors, and there remained. By this occasion the generals aforesaid enterprise was kept backe: we iudging it as a warning, that the Generall should spare and preserue his people from the bloud-thirsty spaniards, which had their holes and dens in the hills, and perhaps might haue taken away many of our liues. And heere by the way, by the name of the Island Canaria, the Spaniards may rightly bee called Canarians or Canes, for Canaria is by interpretation, dogs kinde, for they ran as  
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swift as dogs, and were as tyrannicall and bloud-thirsty as the rauening Wolfe, or any other wild beast, which they sufficiently manifested, for as soon as they could lay handes on any of our people (like vnto mad curs, agreeing with their name Canariās) they would presently woary them.

The 17. this hurtfull night ended, and the tempest ouer passed, and alaid, the couragious soldiors were all in readines, desirous to execute this peece of seruice, expecting & desiring nothing more, then to march by the hills, and to incounter their idolatrous enemies. But vpon good consideration, this enterprize was staied, and some 300. soldiors sent into the same balley, where 3. daies before our people had bene suddainly compassed, intrapped, and slaine by the Spaniards. Our soldiors being come to the balley aforesaid found no resistance, neither could once see a spaniard; but found a smal peece of brasse about a fadome long, and two barreles of gunpowder; and when our souldiors perceiued that there was no good to bee done (forbearing to mount the hills, because they had no commission so to do) with such thinges as they had they returned into the towne. The euening now appproching, the Generall commanded to carry aboard the ships, such goods as they had there found, and digged out of the ground, which was accordingly done and accomplished, among which things were three brasse peeces, some bels and other goods.

Sunday the 18. of July, we remained at anchor in the road of the Island Gomera.

Munday the 19. of July, remaining yet in the Island Gomera, and seeing that the Spaniardes continued in their secret holes, and dens of the mountaines, wee set fire on the towne, and as neere as we could burnt down all places, as Cloisters churches



ches, hermitages and houses, remaining yet in the towne vntill it was noone. After that all this was accomplished; we the vnited soldiours forsooke the towne, and presently the Lord General, with al his company, went aboard the ships. Thus we left the Island Gomera burning, which was neuer before done by any nation. The Spaniards seeing that the soldiours were departed out of the Island, with all speed possible, in great heapes came running out of their secret caues and holes, to quench the fire, like as they of Allegona in the Island of great Canaria before had done.

Wednesday the 20. of July, we lay stil in the road before Gomera, in this time 2. of our soldiours were put into captain Cloiers ship, and in lew of them, we receiued out of his ship 2. others, which were hurt, with two Spaniards.

The summary or brieve declaration of the  
Admirals departing towardes the  
West Indies.

After that the Generall had left the Ilands, he giueth order to the flecte, taketh his leaue of all the Captaines and officers in most honorable sort: he aduanceth the voyage to the West Indies with his Nauy: the rest of the ships returne into the low Countries, euery one from whence he came.

**A**fter that the Island of great Canaria was by the vnited soldiours taken, and won by force of Armes, and the Island Gomera conquered, for sundry reasons they were forsake, after they had caried to their ships such things as they found, fired the townes, churches, cloisters, and houses, and razed their Castles. The Lord Generall commanded



all Captaines and officers of the fleet to resorte vnto him aboard his ship. The same principals being come accordingly, he welcommed them and shewed them al friendship he could, thanking them for their good and faithfull endeouours which they had shewed in this seruice, which he performed with a singular oration, praying Almighty God that he woulde bouchsafe to be his only loadsmā, & merciful defender, in all his enterprises, to the honoz of his name, and happy successe of the vnited Netherlandish prouinces. After this, the lorde Generall againe in most friendly sort, and kind speeches, perswaded & desired all the saide captaines and officers, (alleading many reasons and examples) to perseuer in their good beginning of true and faithfull seruice for God, and for their good Lords and principall magistrates, the honorable gentlemen and states of the vnited Netherland; & to the good liking of their valiant & high borne gentleman, & gouernour General prince Mauritz, their principall lorde and commander, &c. with these and such like matters the daie was spent.

Wednesday the 21. of July, the wind was northerly: The lord Generall commanded all the captaines and officers to resort vnto him: and in most curteous maner againe the second time, tooke his leaue of them all, ordaining and appointing in his place as Admirall Generall ouer all those shippes which were to retorne home, the valiant captaine Ian Gerbrantson, desiring and straightly charging them al there present, to shew all obedience and duty vnto him, as to his owne person, and that they should make his minde knowne to all others which had not bene there present. After these speeches, and leaue taken, the Admirall Ian Gerbrantson put out the princes colour in the maine top: and the honorable



honorable gentleman Peter von der Doest presentlie caused the princes flag also to be spread; and as soone as the sunne was southwest, all the ships at one instant waied their anchors, & hoised their sailes, taking leaue nowe the thirde time one of an other, in most braue and triumphant sort, and in this maner departed the one from the other. The lord General with his fleet, set this course south southwest, with 36. ships, and the Admirall Ian Gerbrantion ran east by the wind, with 35. ships, with intent to returne home.

The Netherlandish fleet diuide themselves into two companies, whereof the one returneth homewardest, and the other proceedeth for the west Indians.

Wednesday the 18 of August, sixteene ships of our fleet which were sent to returne home, being in company together in the latitude of 36. degrees and 10. minutes, the wind southwest sailing north-east, before it was noone, we perceiued 2 strange ships vnder saile coming out of the northwest, towards whom we made, and at afternoone we ouertooke them, and made them our prizes: they were both Spaniards, the one was a small Barke, and came from Cape de Blanco in 21. degrees, loaden for Woluis in the Condate where they dwelled. In the same ship was a marchant of Cyuill with 47. men, each of their ships hauing two cast peeces, and euery man his musket, but they made no shewe of defence, or offending. There was also found laden in the same ships, sixty thousand drie hides or skins, esteemed to bee worth 6000. duckets as they reported, there were also found two bags with mony, in the one was 11. hundred single rials, and in the other 10. hundred & forty single rials, with two Buts of traine oile, and two barrels of gum Arabique.

Two Spanish prizes taken.

Thursday the 19 day, we the abouesaid 16. ships were together, beside the two spanish ships, 4. ships of war of north Holland, 4 ships of Warres of Zeland and one ship of war of the Maze: the captain wherof



was Antony Lednaldson, at the rest were virtuales.  
The wind west north west, we sailed northeast, and  
by north in 36. degrees and 45. minutes. The cap-  
taines had bene all aboard the Admirall in counsell  
advising what were best to bee done in this matter  
of the Spaniards prizes.

Saturday, Sunday, the 21. and 22. of August,  
our said fleet of 18. ships kept yet together, we found  
our selues to bee in 39. degrees, 6. minutes. The sun  
south and by west, the winde blew by at west north  
west, wee sailed north northeast, and north and by  
east, Lysborne was east of vs.

Sunday the first of September, the winde we-  
sterly, we ran east, at noone wee sounded, the depth  
was 50. fadome water, we found small white shels  
with needles therein, in the hight of 49. degrees 20.  
minutes, the sun southwest, wee had sight of Vihant,  
we ran northeast and by north.

Tuesday the 7. of September, the sun east south  
east, wee saw England, a mighty blustering gale of  
winde from the south southwest, wee sailed north  
northeast. The sunne southwest, came to lande at  
Gawstert. Afterwarde wee turned and sailed east  
south east: In the euening it blew so much winde,  
that wee were forced to strike our maine top mast,  
and we ranne the whole night with two courses by  
the wind.

Wednesday the 8. of September, the foule wea-  
ther continued, the sunne east and by south, we had  
sight of the Ile of Wight north northwest of vs, and  
ranne the whole day, east northeast with the fore-  
saile by the wind: as the euening approached we saw  
Beuerlier, in the night and second quarter we passed  
by Douer.

Thursday the 9. of September, as soone as the  
daie began to appeare it was calme weather, and  
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darke, the sun southeast, we lay still befoze Newport all the ebbe. The wind easterly, in the after noone the wind came northwest, we set saile againe, running al night by the wind with our foresaile,

Friday the 10. of September, 1599. by the break of day wee were befoze the Maze, the sun southwest, we arrived by the helpe of Gods mercy and grace befoze the Brill.

Since then, there is arrived at Texell another ship of war, whereof one Cater of Amsterdam was captain, the wich was seuered from the fleet in this boiage by tempest, and thought to be lost. The said captaine met with some prizes, and in company of two english shippes tooke a Caruell of Aduiso, verie richly laden comming out of India, and hauing moze men then the english, shared halfe of the goods with them, and so came home this present month of Octob.

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